

Eruwa language

Ẹ̀rúwa is an Edoid language of Nigeria.

Phonology

The Ẹ̀rúwa vowel system is hardly reduced from that reconstructed for proto-Edoid. There are nine vowels in two harmonic sets, /i e a o u/ and /ɪ ɛ ʌ ɔ ʊ/.^[3]

The language arguably has no phonemic nasal stops; [m, n] alternate with [b, l], depending on whether the following vowel is oral or nasal. The approximants /ʋ, ɹ, j, w/ also have nasal allophones. The inventory is:^[4]

Ẹ̀rúwa	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Delta State
Native speakers	64,000 (2004) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volta–Niger<ul style="list-style-type: none">YEAU<ul style="list-style-type: none">Edoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southwestern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ẹ̀rúwa</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	erh
Glottolog	eruw1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/eruw1238) ^[2]

	Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Labio-velar	Glottal
Plosive	p b [m]	t d		k ɡ	kp gb	
Fricative	f v	s z		x ɣ		h
Approximant		l [n]				
	ʋ	ɹ	j		w	

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